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OFFICIAL REPORTS

OF THE

TOWN OF EPPING,

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No.

Year Ending March 1.

1884

EPPING, N. H.
LEADER JOB PRINT.
1884.

JOHN S. LADD,

(Successor to Geo. S. Rundlett & Son,)

— DEALER IN —

STOVES, RANGES,

Tin, Sheet Iron, Glass, Brittannia,
and Wooden Ware,

Lead Pipe, Sheet Lead and Zinc,
WOOD, IRON AND COPPER PUMPS,

Oil Stoves,

Street, Library, Stand and Hand Lamps,

I am selling a Nice Stand Lamp for 90 cents, Library
Lamps for \$3.00, Clothes Wringers for \$3.50,
Wooden Pumps from \$4.50 to \$7.00.

I do not claim to sell lower than everybody else; but
will sell as low as can be bought in the state.

Grateful for past favors, I hope to receive a large
share of the public patronage in the future, at my

New Store on Water St.

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VALUATIONS.

Polls, 454.	\$ 45,400
Land and buildings,	488,567
Horses, 260,	15,615
Oxen, 125,	7,520
Cows, 339,	9,200
Neat stock, 110,	1,992
Sheep, 499,	1,773
Hogs, (taxable) 18,	170
Carriages, (taxable), 29,	2,035
Stock in Public Funds,	3,000
Stock in Banks,	11,900
Stock in trade,	42,272
Mills and machinery,	14,450
Money on hand,	43,857

	\$687,751

APPROPRIATIONS.

Town expenses,	\$4,000 00
State tax, by law,	1,476 00
County tax, by law,	1,860 82
Schools,	1,309 72
Highways, (labor)	2,000 00

	\$10,646 54

DOGS TAXED.

65 Males,	\$65 00
5 Females,	10 00

	\$75 00

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The report of the Selectmen for the year ending March 1, 1884, is as follows:

The sum available for expenditures during the year is as follows:	
Cash in hands of Treasurer, March 1, 1883,	\$3,806 79
Uncollected taxes for 1880,	124 00
Uncollected taxes for 1881,	272 75
Uncollected taxes for 1882,	1,916 12
Taxes assessed in 1883,	9,326 76
Received of State, Railroad tax,	183 52
Savings Bank,	835 58
Literary fund,	128 01
Bounty on crows,	10 20
Received for license to show,	1 00
Received for rent of Town Hall,	5 00
Received of S. L. Spencer, for stone.	5 00
Received of County, for support of poor.	260 29
Received of H. B. Burnham,	1 50
Hired of sundry persons,	8,925 29
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	\$25,803 91

We have issued the following orders for the payment of claims:

For State tax,	\$1,476 00
County tax,	1,860 82
Notes and interest,	9,362 08
Schools,	1,437 73
John A. Wiggin, school tax to Lee,	6 29
School house tax, District No. 7,	50 00
Paid Building Committee of Watson Academy.	4,460 00
Non-resident labor,	44 20

William L. Plumer, services as selectman:

1883.

Mar.	17.	1 day preparing inventory blanks,	\$1 75
	19.	1 day delivering inventory blanks,	1 75
	24.	1-2 day in session,	1 00
April	2.	1 day taking inventory, self and horse,	3 00
	3.	1 day taking inventory, self and horse,	3 00
	10.	1-2 day taking inventory, self and horse,	1 75
	13.	1 day in session,	1 75
	14.	1 day in session,	1 75
	24.	1 day in session,	1 75
	25.	1 day in session,	1 75
May	1.	1 day in session,	1 75
	2.	1 day in session,	1 75
	3.	1 day in session,	1 75
	4.	1 day in session,	1 75
	5.	1 day in session,	1 75
	7.	1 day, self and horse, on town business.	2 00
	10.	1 day in session,	1 75
	12.	1-2 day in session,	1 00
	14.	1-2 day in session,	1 00
	15.	1 day in session,	1 76
	17.	1 day in session,	1 75
	26.	1-2 day in session,	1 00
	29.	1-2 day on town business,	1 00
June	2.	1-2 day on town business, self and horse,	1 75
July	7.	1 day in session,	1 75
	13.	1-2 day on town business,	1 00
	14.	1-2 day on town business,	1 00
	39.	1 day in session,	1 75
Sept.	1.	1-2 day on town business.	1 00
	10.	1-2 day in session,	1 00
Oct.	1.	Jury drawing,	50
	4.	1-2 day on town business,	1 00
	13.	1-2 day in session,	1 00
	27.	Laying out road,	1 00
	31.	Journey to East Epping,	1 00
Nov.	3.	1-2 day in session,	1 00
	17.	1-2 day at North River on road case,	1 00
	19.	On town business,	75
Dec.	1.	1-2 day in session,	1 00
	5.	Journey to Concord to pay State tax.	3 50

Dec.	8.	Revising jury box,	50
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1884.			
Jan.	5.	1-2 day in session,	1 00
		Two journeys to T. H. Leavitt's,	1 50
		Journey to Newmarket,	1 00
		Journey to North River,	75
Feb.	23.	1 day in session,	1 75
	28.	1 day in session,	1 75
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			\$68 50

William H. Drury, Services as Selectman:

		1883.	
Mar.	17.	1 day preparing inventory blanks,	\$1 75
	19.	1 day delivering inventory blanks,	1 75
	24.	1-2 day in session,	1 00
	27.	Attending Jury drawing,	50
April	2.	1 day taking inventory,	1 75
	3.	1 day taking inventory,	1 75
	13.	1 day in session,	1 75
	14.	1 day in session,	1 75
	24.	1 day in session,	1 75
	25.	1 day in session,	1 75
May	1.	1 day in session,	1 75
	2.	1 day in session,	1 75
	3.	1 day in session,	1 75
	4.	1 day in session,	1 75
	5.	1 day in session,	1 75
	7.	Delivering surveyor books,	2 00
	10.	1 day in session,	1 75
	12.	1-2 day in session,	1 00
	14.	1-2 day on town business,	1 00
	15.	1 day on town business,	1 75
	17.	1 day in session,	1 75
	22.	1 day on town business,	1 75
		Recording invoice,	4 00
	26.	1-2 day in session,	1 00
	29.	1-2 day on town business,	1 00
June	2.	1-2 day on town business,	1 00
July	7.	1 day in session,	1 75
	13.	1-2 day on town business,	1 00
	14.	1-2 day on town business,	1 00
	30.	1 day in session,	1 75

			50
Aug.	2.	Part of day on town business,	
	17.	Part of day at depot and journey to West Epping,	1 25
Sept.	1.	1-2 day on town business,	1 00
	10.	1-2 day in session,	1 00
Oct.	1.	Jury drawing,	50
	4.	1-2 day on town business,	1 00
	13.	1-2 day in session,	1 00
	27.	Laying out road and making return,	1 75
	31.	Journey to East Epping,	75
Nov.	3.	1-2 day in session,	1 00
	17.	1-2 day at North River on road case.	1 00
	19.	Part of day on town business,	75
	24.	1-2 day on town business,	1 00
Dec.	1.	1-2 day in session,	1 00
	8.	Revising jury box.	50
	20.	1 day on town business.	1 75
	25.	Jury drawing.	50
	29.	1-2 day on town business,	1 00
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1884.			
Jan.	5.	1-2 day in session,	1 00
	7.	Journey to East Epping,	50
	14.	1-2 day on town business,	1 00
	16.	Settling pauper accounts.	2 00
Feb.	2.	1-2 day in session,	1 00
	23.	1 day in session,	1 75
	28.	1 day in session,	1 75
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			\$74 00

James A. Corning, services as selectman:

1883.

Mar.	17.	1-2 day preparing inventory blanks,	\$1 00
	19.	1 day, self and horse, delivering blanks.	3 00
	24.	1-2 day in session,	1 00
April	2.	1 day taking inventory, self and horse,	3 00
	3.	1 day taking inventory, self and horse,	3 00
	10.	1 day, self and horse, at saw mills and stores,	3 00
	13.	1 day in session,	1 75
	14.	1 day in session,	1 75
	25.	1 day in session,	1 75
May	1.	1 day in session,	1 75
	2.	1 day in session,	1 75
	3.	1-2 day in session,	1 00

	4.	1 day in session,	1 75
	5.	1 day in session,	1 75
	10.	1 day in session,	1 75
	12.	1-2 day in session,	1 00
	14.	1-2 day, self and horse, delivering surveyors' books,	1 75
	17.	1 day in session,	1 75
	26.	1 2 day in session,	1 00
	29.	1-2 day in session,	1 00
June	2.	1-2 day on town business, self and horse,	1 00
July	30.	1 day at town house,	1 75
	31.	Journey to East Epping, self and horse,	1 00
Aug.	1.	Journey to Exeter,	2 50
	17.	1-2 day, self and horse, on town business,	1 75
Sept.	1.	1-2 day on town business,	1 00
Oct.	6.	Journey to Exeter,	2 50
	11.	Journey to Exeter,	2 50
	13.	1-2 day at town house,	1 00
	29.	Journey to East Epping,	50
Nov.	3.	1-2 day at town house,	1 00
	16.	1-2 day on town business,	1 00
	17.	Journey to North Epping, self and horse,	1 00
Dec.	1.	1-2 day at town house,	1 00
	8.	Revising jury box and other business,	50
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1884.			
Jan.	5.	1-2 day in session,	1 00
	7.	Journey to East Epping, self and horse,	1 00
Feb.	2.	1-2 day at town house,	1 00
	23.	1 day in session,	1 75
	28.	1 day in session,	1 75
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DAMAGES BY DOGS.

John A. Wiggin,	\$ 6 00
J. F. Knight,	12 00
I. F. Norris,	5 00
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	\$23 00

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Robert Pike, gravel,	\$ 6 30
George H. Miller, labor on highway,	75
D. W. Lewis and others, tile,	195 96
Freight on tile,	21 34
M. Carrigg, labor on highway,	3 00
E. Cutting, labor on highway,	32 58
Eben K. Jenness, road machine,	5 00
Charles M. Wood, labor on highway,	11 25
Calyin S. Burnham, labor on highway,	8 25
C. A. & H. W. Miles, bridge plank,	45 76
Henry Nowell, building new road,	142 00
George E. Caswell, labor on highway,	9 75
John S. Bunker, labor on culvert,	14 00
Henry Knight, labor on highway,	1 50
George W. Marden, labor on highway,	6 00
Charles D. Tuttle, laying tile,	1 00
Henry Knight, building fence on Harrison street,	6 00
H. B. Miles, labor on highway,	3 00
James H. Lock, labor on culvert,	8 00
John H. Holt, bridge stringers,	34 00
C. F. Edgerly, labor on highway,	3 45
E. K. Jenness, labor on highway,	3 97
E. Cutting, labor and material,	6 75
John Sanborn, bridge plank,	15 00
Dudley L. Harvey, use of road machine,	20 55
Leader L. Dame, labor on highway,	50
George E. Hodgdon, labor on highway,	3 50
John S. Hook, labor and bridge plank,	38 73
W. R. Bunker, labor on highway, 1881-82,	22 22
George W. Ordway, labor on highway,	2 66
Levi Thompson, 288 loads gravel,	14 40
H. G. Purington, gravel and labor on highway,	5 40
Frank Chase, bridge plank,	19 90
Levi Towle, labor on highway.	1 05
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	\$713 52

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Dr. Buswell, attendance on Jesse Miles,	\$ 11 50
Rockingham County Farm, board Eliza Brown,	13 90
Dr. Buswell, attendance on Shannon family,	3 75
S. H. Rand, supplies furnished Jesse Miles,	1 07
J. M. Young, coffin and robe for Miles child,	7 50
Mary M. Perkins, care of Albert Dunbrack,	38 00
Dr. F. W. Spaulding, attendance on paupers,	44 75
J. L. True, supplies furnished Mrs. Smith and others,	184 50
Emerline Witham, board of Betsey Emerson,	130 00
William Hodgdon, removing Mrs. Allen to County Farm,	3 00
Joseph Witham, care of Leonard Schelling,	17 00
Dr. H. B. Burnham, attendance on Leonard Schelling,	5 00
W. J. P. Pearson, conveying Hunt family to Co. Farm,	5 00
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	\$464 97

SNOW BILLS, 1882.

Levi Towle,	\$ 4 50
Eraстus Cutting,	4 20
Mrs. Plumer Dow,	6 00
Mrs. J. B. Chase,	9 00
Nathaniel French,	18 00
George Rowe, 1881 and 1882,	14 75
Joshua A. Purington,	2 00
Charles M. Woods,	4 30
Charles A. Eaton,	2 85
James Wright,	25 50
Richard Downing,	3 00
John R. Trombly,	75
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	\$94 95

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

J. E. Felch, painting hearse,	\$ 46 00
C. W. Sanborn, printing reports,	30 00
M. E. Gile, services as police,	3 00
George G. Prescott, services as clerk 1882.	40 00
Edson C. Eastman, blank books,	4 56

Dr. A. C. Buswell, returning births and deaths,	7 00
Dr. H. B. Burnham, returning births and deaths,	5 25
Dr. F. W. Spaulding, returning births and deaths,	9 50
C. W. Sanborn, services as selectman and bounty on 3 crows,	8 80
Robert Beals, services as police and repairs on town house,	6 45
C. A. Adams, services as police.	3 00
P. Carrig, digging grave.	2 00
George N. Shepard, decoration day.	50 00
S. Evans, services at the funeral of Mrs Griffin,	3 00
Almon L. True, services as supervisor,	6 00
William L. Plumer, services as supervisor,	6 00
M. A. Perkins, services as supervisor,	6 00
H. A. Redfield, insurance on Watson Academy,	70 00
George W. Weston, recording deeds,	1 36
John Leddy, auditor,	3 00
George B. Wiggin, labor on fire engine.	70 00
S. Evans, damage to wagon,	5 00
M. A. Perkins, expense to Boston and Nashua,	5 20
Bounty on 102 crows,	10 20
C. F. Edgerly, wood for town house.	5 00
John Sanborn, services as selectman and labor on town house,	7 00
A. T. Rundlett, services as auditor,	3 00
Johnathan Sanborn, use of hearse.	50 00
George N. Shepard, surveying,	5 00
M. A. Perkins, check list,	1 10
Charles W. Sanborn, printing orders,	1 25
J. S. Boody, services as police.	3 00
W. H. Tilton, services as police,	5 00
Bounty on woodchucks,	60
D. C. Bartlett, and others, for services in matter of Charles Brown.	5 50
William H. Drury, stationery, etc..	7 05
Wiggin & Fuller, counsel fees, 1882.	35 00
John S. Ladd, labor on fire engine,	1 25
F. W. Spaulding, services as school committee,	40 00
F. W. Spaulding, books,	50
John F. Geyer, care of tramps and services,	5 75
Mark E. Gile, services as police,	5 00
C. D. Smith, services as police,	12 00
E. Cutting, drawing engine to and from Newmarket,	3 00
F. C. Knox, freight of safe door,	3 20
Reservoir, including filling,	229 76

James Lock, one pick,	1 30
P. F. Eaton, collector,	100 00
W. H. Stickney, treasurer,	35 00
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	\$966 58
Abatements for 1883,	55 65
Uncollected taxes for 1880,	24 00
Uncollected taxes for 1881,	172 75
Uncollected taxes for 1882,	816 12
Uncollected taxes for 1883,	2,926 11
Cash in hand of Treasurer,	644 54
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	\$25,803 91

In addition to the ordinary expenses of the town, the Selectmen have paid \$4,460., the balance of the Watson Academy appropriation; built a new road at an expense of about \$150.; a reservoir at an expense of not far from \$230.; and laid more than \$200 worth of tile, increasing the debt \$2,660.01, making a decrease in the town debt of \$1800, aside from building the Academy.

WILLIAM L. PLUMER, } *Selectmen*
 WILLIAM H. DRURY, } *of*
 JAMES A. CORNING, } *Epping.*

Epping, N. H., March 1, 1884.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand, March 1, 1883,	\$3806 79
Cash hired by Selectmen,	8925 29
Received of G. W. Tilton, Col. 1880,	100 00
J. M. Godfrey, 1881,	100 00
J. M. Godfrey, 1882,	1100 00
P. F. Eaton, 1883,	6345 00
From State, Railroad tax,	183 52
Savings Bank tax,	835 58
Literary Fund,	128 01
Bounty on crows,	10 20
County, support of poor,	260 29
Selectmen, license money,	1 00
Rent of town hall.	5 00
Stone sold,	5 00
Dr. H. B. Burnham,	1 50

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EXPENDITURES.

Paid Notes and interest,	\$9362 08
W. N. Dow, County tax,	1860 82
S. A. Carter, State tax,	1476 00
Building committee of Watson Academy,	4460 00
Schools,	1437 73
John A. Wiggin, school tax,	6 29
School house tax, District No. 7,	50 00
Non resident labor,	44 20
Damage by dogs,	23 00
Roads and bridges	713 52
Breaking roads,	94 95
Support of poor,	464 97
Selectmen's bills,	204 50
Miscellaneous bills,	966 58
Balance \$644.29, less two dollars paid John Sinclair on order issued last year, leaving actual balance in my hands,	642 54

\$21,807 18

WALTER H. STICKNEY, *Treasurer.*

AUDITORS' REPORT.

We, the undersigned, having examined the books and accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer, find them correctly cast with proper vouchers. We have also examined a memorandum of notes kept by the Selectmen and find the town indebtedness as follows:

Notes held by sundry persons,	\$21,236 55
Interest on same,	2,426 60
Estimated outstanding claims,	300 00
	————— \$23,963 15
Cash in hands of G. W. Tilton, Col., 1880,	24 00
Cash in hands of J. M. Godfrey, Col., 1881,	172 75
Cash in hands of J. M. Godfrey, Col., 1882,	816 12
Cash in hands of P. F. Eaton,	2,926 11
Cash in hands of W. H. Stickney, Treasurer,	642 54
Estimated outstanding assets,	630 00
	————— \$ 5,211 52
	————— \$18,751 63

C. E. FOLSOM, }
J. C. BURLEY, } Auditors.

Epping, N. H., March 1, 1884.

REPORT
OF THE
Building Committee
OF THE
WATSON ACADEMY.

TO THE SELECTMEN OF EPPING:

The undersigned, a committee, elected at a meeting of the legal voters of the town, on the 7th day of November, 1882, to purchase a lot and erect a school building thereon, submit this report of their work. At the same meeting in which the committee were chosen, the sum of five thousand dollars was voted to be expended in securing a suitable lot and the erection of a school edifice. This committee, together with the trustees of the fund left by the late Daniel W. Ladd, were to constitute a joint committee, in the selection of the site for the proposed Academy, the size and style of the same, and also the arrangement and furnishing of the rooms, it was also voted at the same meeting that the building committee be authorized to execute in the name of the town, to the trustees of the Ladd fund, a free lease of the building and lot for a period of ten years. The committee acting in accordance with the voters of the town, first met the trustees of the Ladd fund, to decide upon a location of the building, complying as nearly as possible with the expressed wish and directions of Mr. Ladd in his will. After careful examination, it was the unanimous expression of the trustees and committee, that the site on which the Watson Academy now stands, was the most eligible and convenient, and fully satisfied the requirements of the will.

One acre of land was secured by warranty deed to the town, ten rods deep, with sixteen rods frontage, thus securing ample room for the building, with open space enough in front and on either side, for future improvement and ornamentation. It was deemed advisable to employ an architect, in order to secure a structure firm and convenient for a school, and at the same time presenting architectural proportions, that would be agreeable from whatever point the building might be seen. The services of Mr. Charles E. Joy, a faithful and well-known architect of Dover, were secured, and he was directed to make a plan and prepare specifications. His plan and specifications were presented to the trustees of the Ladd fund, and received their approval. The foundation of the building was put in, in part by contract, and every effort was made to obtain solidity and firmness in every part. The plan and specifications were examined by many well-known builders, and the committee received proposals from parties in Lawrence, Mass., Amesbury, Mass., South Berwick, Me., and Dover. The contract was awarded to Messrs. Beede & Shaw of Dover, who completed the building, according to the terms of the contract, and to the entire satisfaction of the committee. On Monday the 17th day of September, 1883, the lease was given of the building and lot, by the committee of the town, to the trustees of the Watson Academy.

The following is an itemized account of the expenditures:

Paid for building lot,	\$ 500 00
For plans,	40 00
George Wiggin, stonework,	81 20
Levi Thompson, bricks,	54 62
Charles Tuttle, mason work,	63 70
Beede & Shaw, contractors,	3,500 00
Desks and other furniture,	196 00
Bell and hangings,	88 13
One hundred chairs,	43 74
Curtains and mat,	36 25
J. S. Ladd, stoves, pails, tubs, etc,	36 40
W. H. Pike, painting fence,	32 20
Nathaniel Goldsmith, building fence,	16 20
John Leddy, labor and cash paid out,	28 00
B. F. Prescott, services out of town,	2 00
A. F. Keyes, stone posts,	16 00
C. E. Joy, writing contract and selecting colors for paint,	3 00

Paid Robert Beals, labor,	10 13
G. E. Hodgdon, labor,	9 30
Lorenzo Colby, labor,	3 00
H. S. Purington, labor.	1 95
T. J. Norris, grading,	5 85
J. G. Ordway, grading,	17 00
Frank Knight, grading,	13 83
Frank Chase, labor and material,	13 25
Frank Chase, fence rails,	52 60
G. S. Thompson, iron work,	2 25
Thomas Leddy, grass seed,	90
F. P. Fisk, clock,	6 50
J. S. Ladd, lamps,	10 40
J. S. Ladd, stove,	8 53
J. P. Sanborn, labor,	35 75
J. P. Sanborn, expenses to Hampstead,	1 35
J. P. Sanborn, expenses to Dover, three trips,	4 20
C. S. Burnham, labor,	90
Charles Burleigh, labor,	5 25
Three stone posts,	1 00
Balance on weather-vane, as per contract.	8 25
Four turned posts for fence,	2 00
J. P. Sanborn, expenses to Manchester and Concord,	2 10
Stove pipe, 24 lbs.,	3 00
31 curtain rings,	2 46
J. S. Ladd, zinc and wire screening,	3 00
Pike & Leddy, fence posts,	28 50
Cash on hand to be expended for chimney cap,	9 31
	\$5,000 00

J. P. SANBORN,
JOHN LEDDY,
FRANK CHASE, } *Building Committee.*

Epping, N. H., Feb. 23, 1884.

STATISTICAL TABLE NO. 1.

No. of district.	No. of terms.	Names of Teachers.	Length of school in weeks of 5 days			Percentage of daily attendance.	\$42.
			Primary School.	Grammar School.	Average attendance.		
1	1	C. H. Trickey.	11	31	.28	.933	
2	1	C. H. Trickey.	12	33	.28	.903	42.
3	1	C. H. Trickey.	6	24	.20	.909	44.
1	1	Hattie Chase.	11	74	.60	.89	36.
2	1	Hattie Chase.	12	68	.52	.86	36.
3	1	Hattie Chase.	5	34	.23	.94	36.
2	1	Laura E. Lang.	6	16	.14	.95	20.
2		Laura E. Lang.	10	15	.13	.90	20.
3	1	Fannie E. Barber.	9	5	.4	.90	24.
2		Annie E. Barber.	10	5	.3	.75	24.
4	1	Annie E. Bartlett.	10	12	.10	.909	*20.
2		Emma Bartlett.	12	13	.12	.932	26.
5	1	Mary E. L. Trickey.	8	29	.27	.931	32.
2		Mary E. L. Trickey.	14	29	.24	.857	32.
6	1	Ida J. Jenness.	8	19	.15	.882	28.
2		Ida J. Jenness.	12	23	.17	.894	28.
7	1	Fannie M. Harvey.	8	39	.34	.895	30.
2		Minnie B. Dudley.	12	38	.32	.914	30

* Without Board.

STATISTICAL TABLE NO. 2.

REPORT OF THE Superintending School Committee.

The amount of money raised by the town for the support of Schools, was	\$1,303 72
Amount of Literary Fund,	128 01
Amount of Fogg donation,	6 00
	<hr/> \$1,437 73

Which was divided as follows:

District No. 1,	\$ 612 92
District No. 2,	82 48
District No. 3,	125 20
District No. 4,	128 61
District No. 5,	177 40
District No. 6,	134 76
District No. 7,	176 36

Fogg donation was given to District No. 7.

Number of children in town between the ages of five and fifteen, as given by Selectmen, April 1, 1883:

Number of Males,	123
Number of Females,	113
Total,	<hr/> 236

The close of the school year calls for another report of the condition, progress and faults of our schools for the year past. No epidemics have occurred to interrupt their continuance, as in some former years. From an examination of the several registers a more constant attendance of pupils is observed, than in some years past. This is especially marked in the Grammar School of District No. 1, where previously absenteeism has been the greatest hindrance to the expected progress of the school.

Reasonable progress has been made in all our schools, while in some a good degree of proficiency has been attained in studies pursued, as shown in final examinations. Yet they do not reach that degree of excellence we would like, and which could be approximated the better, were political influences, sectional rivalries and jealousies, and partisan feeling less rife. This is all wrong and ought to be overcome for the good of our schools.

The establishment of Watson Academy during the past year has marked an era in the educational interests of our town, worthy the commendation and just pride of all citizens.

The building pleasantly located, with rooms commodious and inviting, is admirably adapted to the purposes for which it was constructed. With Watson Academy in session, we bespeak for our town increased general intelligence, improved morals, enhanced valuation of property. Results rich in themselves and wisely proving the utility of the investment on the part of the town.

We would again urge upon the residents of District No. 1 the immediate necessity of building a new school-house. The old houses need extensive repairs. The southerly one, from its present condition and surroundings, is entirely unfit for school purposes. Some parents did not allow their children to attend school the last term, unwilling to risk their health in a place so cold and comfortless. All children, required by law to attend school, are entitled to suitable places for such attendance without exposure of health; and to deprive them of such rights and privileges is an injustice not to be tolerated. The Grammar and Primary Schools could be maintained at less expense in one school-house than in two, could such a building be provided. The northerly house is favorably located and could have a story added, or lengthened sufficiently to procure two school rooms.

The teachers deserve a word of commendation. All have been painstaking, conscientious and measurably efficient in the discharge of duty. Some have better natural qualifications for their

position than others, and introduce methods to awaken and hold the interest of their pupils. One with moulding-board, sand and twine, giving actual form and place to continents, mountains, rivers, etc., in her geography classes, thereby creating an intense interest in the study. There are some excellent teachers in town, whose services should be secured for another year. The registers were well kept, properly filled out, and returned in good season.

I would call the attention of all teachers to the following amendment to the law relating to text-books, which passed at the last session of the Legislature, and which takes effect March 1, 1884. The amendment provides that in addition to the studies previously named in the law, "Teachers shall be examined in physiology and hygiene, with special reference to the effects of alcoholic drinks and narcotics upon the human system. The School Committee may prescribe suitable rules and regulations, provided that physiology and hygiene, including special reference to the effects of alcoholic stimulants and narcotics upon the human system, shall be prescribed in all schools sufficiently advanced."

To meet this requirement, I would advise on the part of the teachers, a careful perusal of Brand's "Lessons on the Human Body," an elementary treatise upon physiology, hygiene, and the effects of stimulants and narcotics on the human system.

Respectfully submitted,

F. W. SPAULDING,

Supt. School Committee.

Epping, N. H., Feb. 26, 1884.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Including the names of pupils who have been present every half-day of a term, without being tardy.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL. First Term.—Hannah E. Donovan, Abbie M. Pollard, Sadie L. Swain, Flora B. Prescott, Fanny Knight, Fred M. Donovan, Walter E. Pike, Justin Stickney.

Second Term.—Fred M. Donovan, Leroy W. Fogg, Walter E. Pike, Edith G. Hopkinson, Nellie M. Stiles, Maud Clifford.

Third Term.—Frank E. Meader, Edwin A. Prescott, Walter E. Pike, Justin Stickney, Annie J. Hopkinson.

PRIMARY SCHOOL. First Term.—Fred E. Bartlett, Everett J. Bartlett, Frank E. Bean, Walter H. Bean, Frank Donovan, Eddie T. Garland, Willie C. Sanborn, Willie O. Spencer, Alba J. Pike, Chase Pike, Maud Adams, Kate L. Bartlett, Ella M. Hall, Louise H. Matthews, Gracie M. Piper, Mamie A. Prescott.

Second Term.—Everett J. Bartlett, Henry W. Beals, Olin Beals, Walter H. Bean, Leon E. Cate, Frank Donovan, Harry H. Ordway, Chase Pike, George W. Purinton, Willie C. Sanborn, Willie O. Spencer, Frank C. Smith, Fannie M. Cate, Ella M. Hall, Ollie J. Meader, Mabel E. Robinson.

Third Term.—Fred E. Bartlett, George I. Bartlett, Henry W. Beals, Olin Beals, Frank L. Bickford, Frank Donovan, John Henry Pike, Chase Pike, Willie O. Spencer.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

First Term.—Valerie L. Hodgdon, Bertha B. Wiggin, Blanche B. Wiggin, John H. Wiggin.

Second Term.—Valerie L. Hodgdon, Melvena L. Bennett, Bertha B. Wiggin, Blanche B. Wiggin, Charles E. Wiggin, John H. Wiggin, Edmund J. Fieldsend.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

First Term.—John H. Barker, Herbert W. Smith.

Second Term.—None.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

First Term.—Jennie C. Burley, Mary A. Reed, Marietta T. Wiggin, Bessie A. Wright.

Second Term.—None.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

First Term.—Daisy E. Rollins, Annie E. Lawrence, Minnie T. Bean, Clara B. Burnham, Sadie J. Edgerly, Lynda M. Woods, Walter S. Edgerly, B. True Witham.

Second Term.—Daisy E. Rollins, Minnie T. Bean, Lynda M. Woods, Harry Ladd, Hermon Woods.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

First Term.—Helen A. Burnham, Lizzie A. Bartlett, Hattie G. Morse, George E. Stevens.

Second Term.—George E. Stevens, Hattie G. Morse.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

First Term.—Charles M. Holt, Ernest A. West, Herbert J. Purington, Alice T. Holt, Mattie C. Jenness, Bessie F. Jenness, Amanda M. Jones, Ada M. Purington.

Second Term.—Alice T. Hoit, Frank J. Holt, Mattie C. Jenness, Bessie F. Jenness, Amanda M. Jones, Sammie S. Smith, Lula M. Parks.

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